

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES June 26, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
Morgan Smith, County Counsel
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principle subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, The Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

A public meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners will be held on June 26, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. in the Polk County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Polk County Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Board of Commissioners office, Polk County Courthouse, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. This budget is for an annual budget period and is prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the preceding year.

A public meeting of the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District will be held on June 26, 2024 at 10:00 am at Polk County Courthouse Conference Room, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at the Board of Commissioners Office, Polk County Courthouse, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same used the preceding year.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board is meeting on June 26, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR, 97338.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be meeting with Congresswoman Salinas on July 2nd at 1:00 pm located in the small conference room in the Board of Commissioners Office.

3. COMMENTS

Linda Robinson provided public comment in regards to a meeting she attended to hear Dr. Douglas Frank's analysis about Oregon's voting records. Mrs. Douglas also talked about how they are a growing group of concerned citizens and wanted to thank the Commissioners for listening to their testimony today.

Carmen Saunders provided public comment in regards to the data analysis her team has been reviewing from Dr. Douglas Frank. Ms. Saunders stated that they are concerned citizens who want to restore our elections to the original rolls

Dr. Douglas Frank provided public comment in regards to wanting to share his data so the community is aware of what is going on in our country. Dr. Frank stated that he understands that the Commissioners are not in control of the voter rolls and he is urging Polk County divorce

themselves from the State of Oregon and regain control of their own voter rolls. Dr. Frank provided a quick explanation of his handout he provided with the Commissioner and staff.

Susanne Eche provided public comment sharing data that she has discovered of former Polk County residents moving states but still being able to vote in Oregon. Mrs. Eche shared other examples of people abusing the voting system.

Patty Mcconville provided public comment in regards to her findings in potential election fraud with someone she personally knew who passed away, yet they voted in the elections the following year.

Paul Knoble provided public comment in regards to his hesitation to Polk County using a ballot counting machine. His concerns are that our machine uses a modem. He is requesting that before the Board adopts the budget today, that the Commissioner's get in writing from the company who maintains the machine that there is no connection to the internet.

Elena Branigan provided public comment in regards to her support of everything that has been stated today.

Rodney Daniels provided public comment in regards to what has been stated today. Mr. Daniels wants Polk County to be proactive instead of reactive and for us to get back to voting in person.

Alma Nelson provided public comment in regards to the comments that have been made today and she shared the same concerns with the voting rolls in Polk County. She would like to go back to in person voting with a valid ID.

Virginia Hall provided public comment in regards to the comments that have been made today. Ms. Hall stated that she is from Clatsop County and that her county shared the same data anomalies as Polk County according to Dr. Frank's findings.

Janice Dysinger provided public comment in regards to the comments being made today and she wanted to share her disappointment that the SOS directive that was passed in 2022 and she explained her reasoning for being disappointed. She stated she also supports going back to in person voting.

Anna Munson provided public comment in regards to the statements being made today and she wanted to share that she recently ran for Marion County Clerk position and she has been an election worker for Marion County. Mrs. Munson stated that she has personally seen the things that people are concerned about as an election worker.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 12, 2024

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 12, 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 24-08, ADOPTION OF THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented to the Board Resolution No. 24-08 in the matter of the Polk County Budget, appropriation of funds and imposing taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as well a memorandum that went over his recommendation and background information. Mr. Hansen is recommending that the Board of Commissioner adopt Resolution No. 24-08. The Resolution for consideration has total appropriations in the amount of \$125,480,750. The permanent property tax rate being considered in the Resolution is \$1.716/\$1,000 which is the permanent rate established by the Department of Revenue for Polk County. The amount for the Public Safety operating levy is \$0.495/\$1,000 which was approved in the May 2023 election. Total budget for Polk County is \$125,480,750. This is an approximate 2.29% increase over last year's adopted budget. The major reasons for this decrease in monies is due to the spend down of the American Rescue Plan Fund.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO ADOPT THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-08.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

8. GENERAL LIABILITY/PROPERTY INSURANCE FY2024-2025

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented to the Board a memorandum that recommends the Board approve the following for General Liability/Property Insurances for FY24-25:

1. 1. Purchase General Liability insurance in the amount of \$778,668.85 less a deductible of -\$349,006.00 and multi-line credit -\$23,359.07 for a net of \$443,822.35 (Option C-Liability Retro Financing Plan).
2. 2. Purchase Automobile Liability insurance in the amount of \$53,511.69.
3. 3. Purchase Auto Physical Damage in the amount of \$46,911.56.
4. 4. Purchase Property/Boiler insurance from CCIS in the amount of \$199,466.25 for buildings and contents.
5. 5. Purchase the optional Crime Coverage in the amount of \$2,952.
6. 6. Purchase Cyber Security Coverage and Excess Coverage \$32,025
7. 7. Utilize the multi-line of credit. All coverages (#2, #3, and #4) include the multi-line of credit.

Commissioner Pope asked if Mr. Hansen has a sense of what our loss was in previous years and Mr. Hansen answered his question.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO PURCHASE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICIES FOR FY2024-2025.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

9. WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE FY2024-2025

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented a memorandum to the Board that went over his recommendation on which workers compensation insurance Polk County should use. Mr. Hansen is recommending that the Board select SAIF as its workers compensation insurance carrier and select a fixed plan in the amount of \$264,892.02.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO SELECT SAIF AS POLK COUNTY'S WORKERS COMPENSATIONS INSURANCE CARRIER WITH THE FIXED PLAN OF \$264,892.02.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

10. RECLASSIFICATION OF AN EMPLOYEE

Matt Hawkins, Admin Services Director, is recommending the reclassification of an employee from a Deputy District Attorney I to a Deputy District Attorney II. Should the reclassification be approved, it would be effective July 1, 2024 and would have an approximate impact to the FY24-25 budget of \$5000 including PERS contribution should it be for 12 months.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a) Polk County Contract No. 24-86, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- b) Polk County Contract No. 24-87, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- c) Polk County Contract No. 24-88, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- d) Polk County Contract No. 24-89, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- e) Local Addiction Prevention Planning Committee Membership Appointment
(Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director)
- f) Polk County 2024 Jail Inspection Report
(Morgan Smith, County Counsel)
- g) Polk County Contract No. 24-92, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- h) Polk County Contract No. 24-95, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- i) Polk County Contract No. 24-96, Capacity Building Partnerships
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- j) Polk County Contract No. 24-97, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- k) Polk County Contract No. 24-98, Dallas School District
(Dana Goodale, Family & Community Outreach)
- l) Polk County Contract No. 24-100, Liberty House
(Aaron Felton, District Attorney)
- m) Polk County Contract No. 24-101, Juliette's House
(Aaron Felton, District Attorney)
- n) Polk County Contract No. 24-103, Marion County
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- o) Polk County Contract No. 24-104, Salem Health West Valley
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- p) Polk County Contract No. 24-105, Salem Health West Valley
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- q) Polk County Contract No. 24-106, Service Contract
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)

There no need for an executive session and Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: July 3, 2024